



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session on Thursday, July 30, 2015, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Council Member Zimmerman arrived at 10:30 a.m. Council Members Gallo and Renteria were absent.

1. Briefing and discussion regarding the City’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. **Presentation was made by Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Kimberly Springer, Deputy Budget Officer.**

The following direction was given to staff to provide the following information: the national average for dissatisfaction with the overall value for City tax dollars and fees; an estimate on the increase to employee benefit cost for employees who are on a plus one or family plan; description of any difference between the assumptions in the percent in increase in insurance cost provided in the forecast vs. in the proposed budget; the percent of cost of service being paid through the fees; how often we conduct a cost of service analysis and what is the schedule for reviewing and updating fees and licenses; additional information on the schedule for Austin Energy plan for fully funding the Strategic Reserve funds; provide details on increase in Austin Water Utility fees between 2015 and 2016 that the typical customer will experience; add Human Resource Department to the department schedule for the August 10 and 12 schedule; and consider adding additional budget work sessions on August 17 and 19, 2015.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 6th day of August 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Gallo’s second on an 11-0 vote.